

**THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
(YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED**
Charity registered no: 518783
Company registered no: 1562723

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1994**



THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

INDEX	PAGE
Introduction	1 - 2
Report of the Executive Council	3 - 4
Report of the auditors	5
Principal accounting policies	6
Income and expenditure account	7
Balance sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 15

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

INTRODUCTION

The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited is the trustee of the following funds:-

General Purposes Fund

For the furtherance of religious and other charitable work of the United Reformed Church within its Yorkshire Province.

Church Extension Fund

For the upkeep and repair of the buildings of the local churches of the United Reformed Church within its Yorkshire Province and the maintenance of the services therein.

Maintenance of the Ministry Fund

For the making of grants to local churches of the United Reformed Church within its Yorkshire Province to be applied in or towards paying the stipends and expenses of ministers of any such local churches.

Welfare of the Ministry Fund

For relieving, in cases of need, ministers, retired ministers, and their wives, widows and other dependants of such ministers or retired ministers, within the Yorkshire Province of the United Reformed Church.

Common Investment Fund

Created as a single Investment fund including historical investments of the General (63.19%), Church Extension (22.84%), Maintenance of the Ministry (1.61%), Welfare (6.9%), Home Churches (1.72%) and certain Special Funds (3.74%). These Special Funds of the CIF are held on behalf of the Yorkshire Congregational Union.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

INTRODUCTION (continued)

Closed Churches Fund

Funds from churches closed after 1972 are held under the terms of the URC Trusts as shown in the 1972 URC Act, as modified by the Act of 1981. The income from these funds is directed to the General Purposes Fund.

The Bar Property, Scarborough is administered under this fund but these assets are subject to apportionment to the non-uniting Congregational Bodies and the Northern Province.

Albion Fund

Held under a Scheme of Apportionment sealed on 10 June 1988 directing that these funds be administered and managed as part of the General Purposes Fund.

Church Amalgamation Fund

Holds funds arising from the sale of property following the amalgamation of churches. The Yorkshire Provincial Synod decided on 9 October 1993 that capital and revenue from this fund may be used for church planting and extension (i.e. not building).

Home Churches Fund

Represents a small amount of apportioned capital, the income from which forms part of the Mission and Ministry Fund contributions for the Province and certain Districts.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council present their report, together with the financial statements and notes for the year ended 31 December 1994.

Principal activities

The association is principally engaged in the promotion of the Christian religion through the United Reformed Church within its Yorkshire Province.

Results for the year

The excess of income over expenditure for the year amounted to £26,165 (1993: £52,264) and has been transferred to the funds as disclosed in the income and expenditure account on page 7.

Executive Council

The members of the Executive Council, who are the members for the time being of the Provincial Finance and Legal Committee, and who have administered the association during the year, are as follows:

Rev D H Hilton
Mr D Thacker (to 5 March 1994)
Mr B Evans (from 5 March 1994)
Mr J Throssell
Mr D Lethem
Mr B T Herbert
Mrs K Widdowson (to 25 January 1994)
Rev W J Taylor
Mr B Brook
Miss M A Hunt
Mr J F Horton
Mr P Graham
Rev D Marsden (to 5 March 1994)
Rev S Swailes (from 5 March 1994)
Mr G Wood
Mr W Twigg
Mr J E M Gilbey
Mr J D Barnett
Mr G Whitehead
Mr A Goldfinch

All elected members of the Executive Council retire at the Annual General Meeting and are eligible for re-election.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (continued)

Statement of Executive Council's Responsibilities

Company Law requires the Executive Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the excess of income over expenditure of the association for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Executive Council is required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

The Executive Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the association and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Fixed assets

Movements in Tangible Fixed assets are shown in note 7 to the financial statements and Fixed asset investments in note 8.

Auditors

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



C M PEPPER
Company Secretary

Registered office:
43 Hunslet Lane
Leeds
LS10 1JW

Company registered no: 1562723

11 April 1995

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 15 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Executive Council and Auditors

As described on page 4 the Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practice Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Council in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 1994 and of its excess of income over expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Grant Thornton

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LEEDS

11th April 1995

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the Companies Act 1985 except for certain assets which are shown at valuation on 26 June 1968 and where the financial statements format required by the Companies Act 1985 is considered inappropriate for the activities of the association.

The principal accounting policies of the association, which are unchanged from the previous year, are set out below.

Investments

Investments are included at the lower of cost or valuation at 26 June 1968, and market value.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives, which are:

Office refurbishment	5 years
Office equipment	4 years

It is standard accounting practice to depreciate freehold property. However as the majority of such property has been acquired at no cost to the association then no depreciation has been provided. Properties which have been acquired for consideration have had no depreciation provided in these financial statements as the sums involved are considered to be immaterial both on an annual charge and cumulative charge basis. It is the Executive Council's view that this departure from standard accounting policy does not affect the view presented by the financial statements.

The asset cost at the year end was £81,468 (1993: £81,468)

Property

Property purchased by the association is shown at cost. Other properties which have been passed to the association, at no cost, via Closed Churches are included in the balance sheet at nil, as the Executive Council is unable to assess their values accurately. These are disclosed in note 7.

Expenses of holding such properties, pending disposal or further use, are written off against income in the year in which they are incurred.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	General purposes fund	Church extension fund	Maintenance of ministry fund	Welfare of ministry fund	Closed churches fund	Albion fund	Church Amalgamation fund	Home Churches fund	1994 Total	1993 Total
Note	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME										
Revenue income										
Income from quoted investments	25,939	9,229	651	2,788	107,298	23,040	1,080	695	170,720	163,371
Interest	1,557	6,905		149	4,762	438	2,903	71	16,785	16,439
Other income	7,053	30		811	364				8,258	3,876
Property rents		526			29,852				30,378	35,863
Capital income										
Profit/loss on sale of properties	7,457	2,695	190	814	(417)	30,794	487	203	(417)	482,754
Profit/loss on sale of investments	(1,586)	(573)	(41)	(173)	110,091	(21,353)	0	(43)	152,731	(17,229)
Change in provision against investments	15,000				(120,747)				(144,516)	146,562
Capital gift from non-UHC closed in year									15,000	0
	55,420	18,812	800	4,389	131,203	32,919	4,470	926	248,939	831,636
EXPENDITURE										
Revenue expenditure										
Welfare payments									4,050	5,550
Pastorate support fund									12,100	7,800
Office salaries	1	54,090							54,090	52,610
Trust and property expenses		471							471	2,288
Depreciation	7	18,150							18,150	15,911
Office expenses and equipment		14,666							14,666	16,241
Office rent/rates and maintenance		6,734							6,734	6,312
Accountancy and auditors' remuneration	2	3,874							3,874	5,199
Committee and Synod expenses	3	10,854							10,854	5,910
Training	4	29,416							29,416	24,966
Sundry expenditure	5	14,189							14,189	14,695
Mission and Ministry Fund									866	2,314
Property costs									4,066	7,489
Building grants		22,950							22,950	0
Other grants									3,500	0
	152,444	22,950	12,100	4,050	4,066	0	3,500	866	199,976	167,285
BALANCES										
Transfers to reserves of Capital Income										
Profit/loss on sale of properties	11	(97,024)	(4,138)	(11,300)	339	127,137	32,919	970	48,963	664,351
Profit/loss on sale of investments	11	(7,457)	(2,695)	(190)	(814)	417	(487)	(203)	417	(482,754)
Change in provision against investments	11	1,586	573	41	173	(110,091)	(30,794)	43	(152,731)	17,229
Capital gift from non-UHC closed in year	11	(15,000)				120,747	21,353		144,516	(146,562)
Transfer between funds		148,912		11,449	1,327	(138,210)	(23,478)		(15,000)	0
Excess of revenue income over expenditure transferred to reserves	11	31,017	(6,260)	0	1,025	0	0	483	26,165	52,264

All recognised gains and losses for the financial year are shown above and in note 11.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

	Note	1994 £	1993 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	106,823	114,678
Investments	8	2,794,357	2,631,766
		<u>2,901,180</u>	<u>2,746,444</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	56,653	53,833
Short term deposits		199,114	312,114
Cash at bank and in hand		4,279	362
		<u>260,046</u>	<u>366,309</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(32,284)</u>	<u>(32,774)</u>
Net current assets		<u>227,762</u>	<u>333,535</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>3,128,942</u></u>	<u><u>3,079,979</u></u>
Funds			
General purposes fund	11 & 12	610,601	558,713
Church extension fund	11 & 12	266,353	270,491
Maintenance of ministry fund	11 & 12	10,673	10,524
Welfare of ministry fund	11 & 12	51,168	49,502
Closed churches fund	11 & 12	1,713,442	1,724,515
Albion fund	11 & 12	395,276	385,835
Church amalgamation fund	11 & 12	68,713	67,743
Home churches fund	11 & 12	12,716	12,656
		<u><u>3,128,942</u></u>	<u><u>3,079,979</u></u>

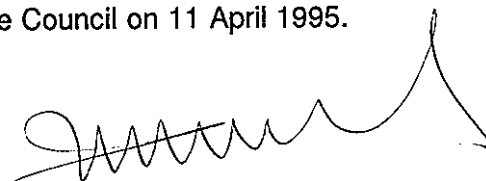
The financial statements were approved by the Executive Council on 11 April 1995.

G Wood

- TREASURER

Rev'd D H Hilton

- EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER



(D. H. Hilton)

The accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

1 Employment costs

	1994	1993
	£	£
Wages and salaries	62,504	60,764
Employers national insurance	5,348	5,483
Pension costs	3,613	2,933
	<u>71,465</u>	<u>69,180</u>

Analysis of these costs is as follows

	1994	1993
	£	£
Office	54,090	52,610
Training	17,375	16,570
	<u>71,465</u>	<u>69,180</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (1993: 5)

Remuneration in respect of Executive Council members was as follows:-

	1994	1993
	£	£
Management remuneration	0	8,906
Payment to executive council member for accountancy assistance	0	851
	<u>0</u>	<u>9,757</u>

No remuneration was paid to any member of the Executive Council in 1994.

2 Auditors' remuneration

	1994	1993
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,500</u>

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

3 Committee and Synod expenses

	1994	1993
	£	£
Ad hoc groups	103	283
Children	114	302
Church and Society	175	185
Doctrine and Worship	58	64
Ecclesiastical exemption	541	0
Ecumenical and deployment	256	200
Finance and Legal	371	245
Ministries	210	264
Mission and Ministry fund	163	151
Mission at Home and Overseas	437	433
Moderator's support group	5	19
Pilots	425	402
Provincial Executive	1,455	1,296
Welfare	40	26
Women	388	161
Youth	90	392
Synod	940	843
General Assembly	5,083	644
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	10,854	5,910
	<hr/>	<hr/>

4 Training

	1994	1993
	£	£
Director of Training - employment costs	17,375	16,570
Director of Training expenses	2,668	3,977
YLTO expenses	50	0
Non Stipendiary Ministry	7,228	3,121
In Service training (including Summer School)	1,087	948
Sabbaticals	400	0
Student Book grants	608	350
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	29,416	24,966
	<hr/>	<hr/>

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

5 Sundry expenditure	1994 £	1993 £
Officers' expenses		
District secretaries	1,860	1,800
East Yorkshire travel	650	600
Moderator's discretionary	700	890
Moderator's expenses	965	961
Synod Clerk	525	650
Synod Clerk's expenses	501	1,225
Euro-link officer	31	0
 Chaplaincies	 1,348	 1,243
 Industrial mission	 1,937	 3,124
 Ecumenical officers and bodies	 2,679	 2,288
 Sundry	 174	 235
 Publications (handbook and Province 4)	 49	 18
 Contingencies		
Adverts for staff	381	801
Penistone St Andrew's	1,500	0
Travel bursaries	0	50
Moderator's visit	150	0
Assembly Moderator's expenses	269	510
Donation to Overgate Hospice	0	100
Legal fees	470	200
	<u>14,189</u>	<u>14,695</u>

6 Taxation

The association is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the provisions of the Charities Act 1960. In consequence, income represents the net amount of income received plus tax repaid and repayable thereon.

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

7 Tangible assets

	Property £	Office refurbishment £	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 1994	81,468	62,383	23,852	7,165	174,868
Additions	-	-	10,295	-	10,295
Disposals	-	-	(2,390)	(7,165)	(9,555)
At 31 December 1994	81,468	62,383	31,757	0	175,608
Depreciation					
At 1 January 1994	-	37,430	15,595	7,165	60,190
Charge for the year	-	12,477	5,673	-	18,150
Disposals	-	-	(2,390)	(7,165)	(9,555)
At 31 December 1994	-	49,907	18,878	0	68,785
Net book amount at					
31 December 1994	81,468	12,476	12,879	0	106,823
31 December 1993	81,468	24,953	8,257	0	114,678

Property

The following property is under the control of The United Reformed Church (Yorkshire Province) Trust Limited:-

	£
Church extension fund (leasehold)	
43 Wiggan Lane, Brackenhall	1,426
Closed churches fund (freehold)	
31 Cheverton Avenue, Withernsea (78.89%)	10,042
154 & 154A Halifax Old Road, Hillhouse	-
Barrow on Humber Church	-
84 Scalby Road, Scarborough	-
219 Westfield Lane, Wyke (50%)	-
Bar (Aberdeen Walk), Scarborough (to be apportioned)	-
5 Bransdale Grove, Knaresborough (78.65%)	70,000
Loxley Church	-
Graveyards	
Drighlington	-
Sowerby	-
Eastwood	-
Bridge End, Brighouse	-
	80,042
	81,468

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

8 Investments	Quoted investments £	Balances at stockbroker £	Loans to churches £	Total £
Cost or valuation at 26 June 1968				
At 1 January 1994	2,604,895	26,877	41,020	2,672,792
Additions at cost	975,681	-	93,800	1,069,481
Disposals at cost	(880,374)	-	-	(880,374)
Amounts deposited for investment	-	100,000	-	100,000
Deposits reinvested	-	43,426	-	43,426
Loans repaid	-	-	(25,332)	(25,332)
At 31 December 1994	2,700,202	170,303	109,488	2,979,993
Provision for diminution in value				
At 1 January 1994	41,026	-	-	41,026
Increase in provision	144,610	-	-	144,610
At 31 December 1994	185,636	-	-	185,636
Net book amount at 31 December 1994	2,514,566	170,303	109,488	2,794,357
31 December 1993	2,563,869	26,877	41,020	2,631,766
Market Value at 31 December 1994	2,868,480	170,303	109,488	3,148,271
31 December 1993	3,334,616	26,877	41,020	3,402,513

9 Debtors	1994 £	1993 £
Amounts due from YCU (Inc.)	4,653	2,929
Dividends receivable	36,423	30,220
Short term interest receivable	4,877	5,147
Tax reclaim receivable	9,676	12,513
Prepaid expenses	1,024	3,024
	56,653	53,833

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1994 £	1993 £
Amounts due to YCU (Inc.)	26,242	25,909
Accruals	6,042	6,865
	32,284	32,774

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

11 Movement in funds during 1994

	Balance 1/1/94 £	Due to YCU £	Excess of revenue Income over expenditure £	Capital Introduced £	Realised gains £	Change in provision £	Balance 31/12/94 £
General purposes	558,713	-	31,017	15,000	7,457	(1,586)	610,601
Church extension	270,491	-	(6,260)	-	2,695	(573)	266,353
Maintenance of Ministry	10,524	-	-	-	190	(41)	10,673
Welfare of Ministry	49,502	-	1,025	-	814	(173)	51,168
Closed churches	1,724,515	-	-	(417)	110,091	(120,747)	1,713,442
Albion	385,835	-	-	-	30,794	(21,353)	395,276
Church Amalgamation	67,743	-	483	-	487	-	68,713
Home churches	12,656	-	(100)	-	203	(43)	12,716
	3,079,979	-	26,165	14,583	152,731	(144,516)	3,128,942
Special	-	(1,795)	1,448	-	441	(94)	-
	3,079,979	(1,795)	27,613	14,583	153,172	(144,610)	3,128,942

12 Funds held as at 31 December 1994

	Tangible assets £	Quoted Investments £	Loans to churches £	Balances at stockbrokers £	Net current assets £	Balance 31/12/94 £
General purposes	25,355	416,715	14,833	5,778	147,920	610,601
Church extension	1,426	149,176	94,655	2,089	19,007	266,353
Maintenance of Ministry	-	10,515	-	147	11	10,673
Welfare of Ministry	-	45,066	-	631	5,471	51,168
Closed churches	80,042	1,499,470	-	123,846	10,084	1,713,442
Albion	-	357,963	-	37,313	-	395,276
Church Amalgamation	-	-	-	-	68,713	68,713
Home churches	-	11,234	-	157	1,325	12,716
Special	-	24,427	-	342	(24,769)	-
	106,823	2,514,566	109,488	170,303	227,762	3,128,942

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (YORKSHIRE PROVINCE) TRUST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

13 Contingent liabilities

The association has guaranteed loans made to churches in the Yorkshire Province by the United Reformed Church National Finance and Resources Committee.

At 31 December 1994 and 31 December 1993 the amounts outstanding were:

	1994	1993
	£	£
Loan 694/286	25,601	28,958
Loan 694/294	Nil	51,252
Loan 694/299	23,388	Nil
Loan 694/302	33,459	Nil
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	82,448	80,210
	<hr/>	<hr/>

The Executive Council has no reason to expect the churches to default on the loans.

14 Liability of members

The association is a company limited by guarantee under the provisions of the Companies Act 1985. The membership consists of the members for the time being of the Provincial Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Province of the United Reformed Church. At 31 December the number of members totalled 25.
(1993: 25)

In the event of the association being wound up every person who is a member, or has been a member within one year, is liable to contribute to the debts and liabilities of the association a sum not exceeding £1.